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By the King.



A Proclamation for the settling and increase of the Manufacture of Pinnes in this Realme.



Hereas many differences haue long depended, and sundry complaints haue beene to Us and Our Counsell made by the Company of Pin-makers of London, against the Haberdashers and Traders in Pinnes there, for want of taking off that manufacture, heere made, from their hands. For the composing of which differences, sundry Orders haue been heretofore conceived by Our said Counsell, in fauour of the said Pin-makers, which neuerthelesse haue not yet given an end thereunto. Wee therefore desirous to end the same differences, and intending the reliefe of the sayd Pinne-makers, by the settling and increase of the said Manufacture in Our owne Realme, whereby

so many of Our poore Subjects, their Wiues and children may bee imployed and maintained by their labours, which we hold to be iust & equall. And finding no fitter way to effect the same, then by appointing to the said Company of Pin-makers, the first bent and sale of Pins, as well forreigne as home made, but yet at such moderate rates and prices, as we haue prescribed them, Doe hereby declare Our Royall Will and commandement to be: That all Pins whatsoever, from the fifth day of August next following, to be imported into this Our Realme from any the parts beyond the Seas, for the space of three yeeres next comming, shall be brought and landed within Our Port of London onely, and in none other Port or place whatsoever. And the same Pinnes, being there duely customed, shall be at vllall rates vttered and sold by the Importers thereof, to the said Company of Pinners of London onely, and to none others; who hauing bought such quantities of good and merchantable stuffe, as, together with their owne Pinnes here made, will serue to supply the necessary vse of Our Realme, are first to seale, and then to vtter them againe to the Haberdashers and Traders in that commoditie, at such reasonable Rates as we haue prescribed: Whom we doe hereby also expressly charge and command, from time to time, as need shall require, to buy and take the same off, and from the hands of the said Company of Pinners onely, and from none other person or persons whatsoever: Under the paine of the forfeiture of all such Pinnes as shall be imported, bought or sold, contrary to the Tenor of this Our Royall commandement.

Provided, that all such Merchants, or others that now haue shipped any Pins beyond the Seas, for any other Port then the Port of London, shall within fourteene dayes after the date of this Our Proclamation, forbear to import or vnlade them in any other Port or place, then in the said Port of London: nor shall vtter or sell them to any others, but to the said Pinners of London: Under the paine of the forfeiture thereof, to be seized and taken as forfeited to Us, Our Heires and Successors. Willing, and hereby straightly charging and commanding all Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Iustices of Peace, Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, Waiters, Constables, Headboroughs, and other Our Officers and Ministers, to be ayding and assisting to the due execution and accomplishment of this Our Royall Will and commandement, as they tender Our pleasure, and will answere the contrary at their perils.

Giuen at Basing the two and twentieth day of Iuly, in the sixteenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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